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Re: Application of:	CHOE, Y.H., et al.
Serial No.:	10/078,649
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For:	TERMINALLY-BRANCHED POLYMERIC LINKERS AND POLYMERIC CONJUGATES CONTAINING THE SAME

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

August 8, 2002

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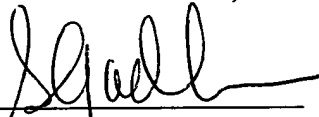
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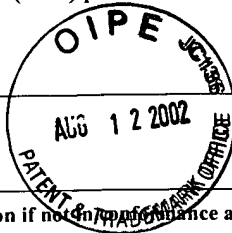
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